Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that prices have been fixed by the Cement Marketing Board for the various kinds of cement?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Not that I know of."

Veterinary

Location of the office of the Veterinary Investigation Officer.

* 379 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state where the office of the Veterinary Investigation Officer is located?

A.—It is located in a building on the Vepery High Road opposite the Madras Veterinary College.

Local Self-Government

Appointment of commissioners to municipalities.

* 380 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to furnish the list of municipalities with information under the following heads in a tabular form—

(i) names of municipalities for which commissioners have been appointed since the question on the subject was answered last,
(ii) the population of each,
(iii) revenue from taxation,
(iv) other revenues excluding Government grants,
(v) names of the commissioners,
(vi) their permanent pay in service before appointment as commissioners,
(vii) their pay as commissioners, and
(viii) conveyance and other allowances?

A.—A statement[a] showing the particulars relating to the municipalities to which commissioners were appointed subsequent to question No. 808 answered on 11th March 1935 is appended.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know from the Hon. the Minister why out of the eight municipalities, only the commissioner of one municipality, namely, Chidambaram, is given a special pay of Rs. 37–8–0 in addition to his pay of Rs. 150?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"He is a permanent Government servant."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, whether the other commissioners also are not permanent servants of other bodies?"

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 424 infra.

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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" May be, but only in the case of permanent Government servants special pay has been sanctioned."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the permanent posts held by the commissioners of Parlakimedi and Narasaraopet whose permanent pay prior to their appointment as commissioners is stated to be Rs. 65 and Rs. 88 respectively? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" They were employed under district boards. I cannot give any further details without reference to records."

Appointment of commissioners to municipalities.

* 381 *Q*.—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how many municipalities commissioners have so far been appointed since the question on the subject was answered last; and

(*b*) with reference to answer given to clause (*b*) of question No. 771, how many municipalities in the list have so far been notified?

A.—(*a*) Commissioners to eight municipalities were appointed subsequent to question No. 808 answered on the 11th March 1935.

(*b*) Ten.

Levy of a high rate of licensing fees by the Anantapur District Board on motor vehicles plying for hire.

* 382 *Q*.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Anantapur District Board is still charging the old high rates of licensing fees for motor vehicles plying for hire, even after Madras Act XXV of 1933 was passed; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—The Government understand that the Anantapur District Board has recently adopted regulations fixing the rates of licence fees in accordance with sub-section (3) of section 166 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

Central Record Office

Special qualifications of the Curator of the Madras Record Office.

* 383 *Q*.—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state what the special qualifications are of the Curators of the Madras Record Office?